

NEW MILLS URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1942.
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Town Hall,
NEW MILLS.
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Medical Officer of Health:

R.H. Titcombe, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Vict.)

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector:

John A. Thompson, A.R.San.I.

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DISLEY,

August 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the:
New Mills Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1942:-

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) - 5,242.

Registrar General's estimate of residential population mid-year
1942 - 8,006.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942) - 2,600.

Rateable Value - £43,482.

Sum represented by a penny rate - £163.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are textile, weaving and calico printing, paper making and metal working.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

		<u>Total:</u>	<u>M:</u>	<u>F:</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate...	124	70	54
	(Illegitimate.	11	7	4

Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population (mid 1942) - 16.862.

		<u>Total:</u>	<u>M:</u>	<u>F:</u>
Still Births	(Legitimate...	3	2	1
	(Illegitimate.	0	0	0

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births... 22.222

DEATHS.

Death rate per 1,000 of estimated population - 15.738

Deaths from Puerperal Causes... 0.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still Births) - 0.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births... 74.074

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births... 72.580

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... 90.909

Deaths from Cancer (all ages). ... 25

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... 0

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 1

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SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Laboratory facilities are available at the Laboratories of the Derbyshire County Council at Derby.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Infectious Diseases.

One Ambulance provided by the Isolation Hospital at Chinley.

Non-Infectious Cases and
Maternity Cases.

Two Ambulance vehicles and one driver maintained by Voluntary Public Subscriptions.

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TABLE OF RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL EXAMINATIONS
OF WATER DURING THE YEAR 1942.

X = Satisfactory; — = Unsatisfactory;

X(c) = Chemical Examination;

according to the standards recommended
by the Ministry of Health.

Date - 1942	March 24th	April 7th	June 2nd	August 11th	September 29th	October 14th	December 8th
Weather conditions before sampling:	Fine	Wet	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine
GOW HOLE - Adit					X	X Iron (c)	
<u>BALL BEARD SUPPLY</u>							
Ball Beard Filter - Inlet			—			—	—
Ball Beard Filter - Outlet			X			X	X
<u>Co-op. Dairy -</u>							
Rinsing Appliance				X			
Tap on Sink				X			
68, Buxton Road				X	—	—	—
72, Buxton Road			X				
<u>LOWLEIGHTON SUPPLY.</u>							
Lowleighton Filters - Inlet			—				
Lowleighton Filters - Outlet	X X (c)		X		—	X	
20, High Street		X	—				
54, High Street	X						
Hague Bar School	—	X		—	X	X	
"Ogilvie", Hague Bar					X		
"Cairngorm", Hague Bar		X					
<u>MOORLANDS SUPPLY.</u>							
1,, The Crescent, B.V.				X			X
3, The Crescent, B.V.			—				

SECTION C - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

During the year, 37 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and 2 for chemical examination. It will be noted from the table of results appended that samples from the outlets of the Ball Beard filters were all satisfactory and that the samples taken on the district supplied by the Ball Beard, from consumers' taps, were satisfactory, excepting three out of four of those taken on Buxton Road.

The samples from the outlet of the Lowleighton filters were satisfactory in 2 out of 5 samples taken; while of those on the district supply from Lowleighton, four out of 11 were unsatisfactory, 3 out of 4 being taken at the Hague Bar School near the termination of the main. One sample taken from the Moorlands Supply was unsatisfactory, 2 others were satisfactory.

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DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

No alterations or extensions have taken place during the year.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Pollution is controlled by the appropriate Authorities.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no Swimming Baths in the area.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Number of closets of each type remaining at the end of the year 1942:-

Water Closets...	1,334
Waste Water Closets...	524
Pail Closets	36
Privvy-middens..	26

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

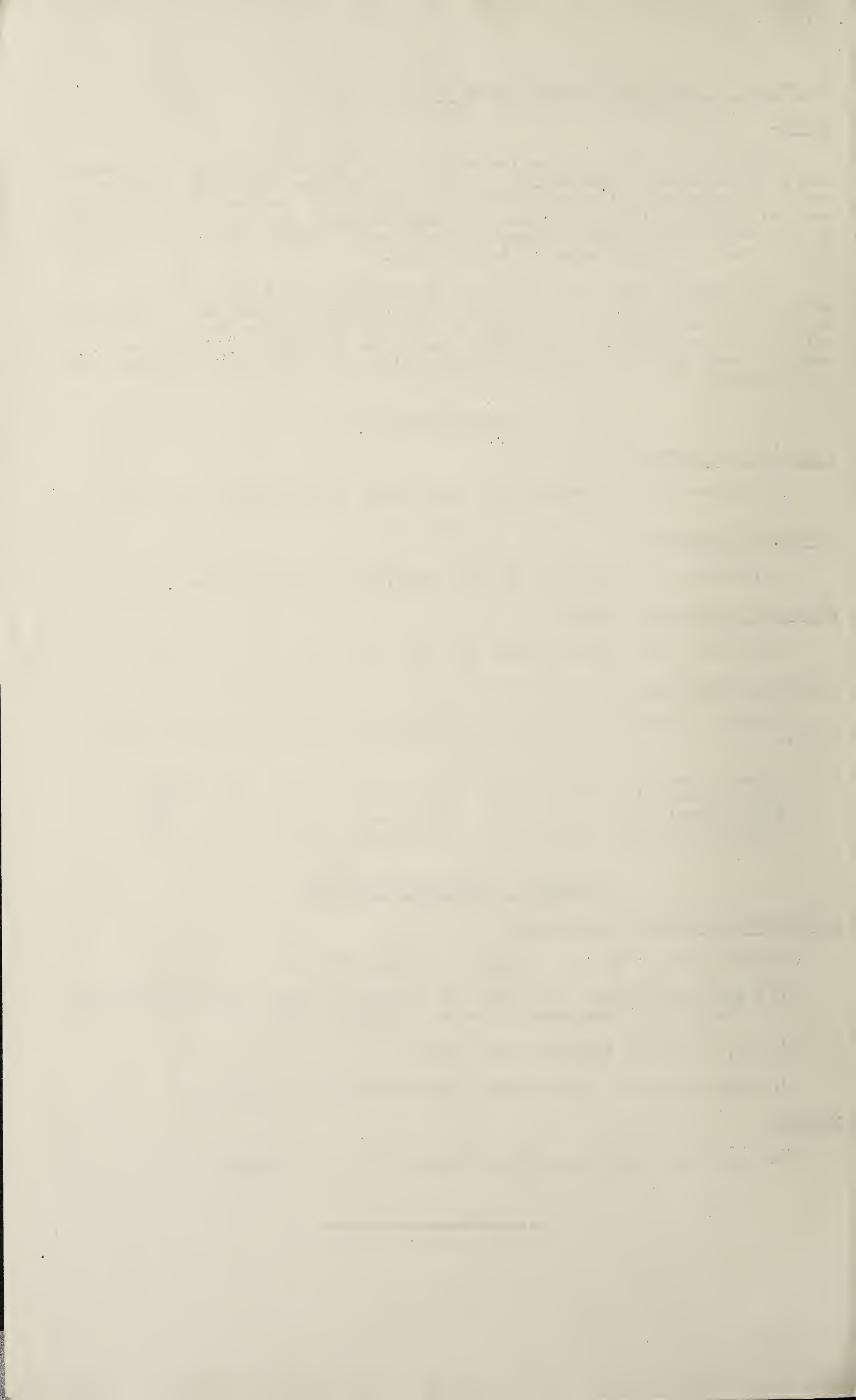
The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended.

- (a) 226 inspections were made of dairies, houses, slaughter-houses, sanitary arrangements, water supplies etc.
- (b) 47 informal Notices were served.
- (c) 288 nuisances were abated with or without Notices.

SCHOOLS.

The Sanitary condition of the Schools was satisfactory.

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SECTION D - HOUSING.

This is in abeyance.

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Various inspections have been made during the year.

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SECTION E - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

90 milk samples were taken for Bacteriological examination for Tubercle Bacilli. 8 samples contained Tubercle Bacilli and as a result of this sampling, 9 cows were slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD.

The Meat Inspector reports as follows:-

During the year, the following carcasses were killed in the Slaughterhouse at New Mills:-

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>including</u> <u>Cows:</u>	<u>Calves:</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs:</u>	<u>Pigs:</u>
Number killed... ..	2,035	41	4,659	36
Number inspected	2,035	41	4,659	36
<u>TUBERCULOSIS:-</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned ...	65 (Cows)			
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	197 (Cows)			2
Percentage of the number inspected infected with Tuberculosis... ..	12.87			5.55

The above carcasses were examined in the Co-operative Slaughterhouse, New Mills, now controlled by the Ministry of Food. This slaughterhouse, is the Central Slaughterhouse for the Rural District of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and the Urban Districts of Whaley Bridge and New Mills and the Borough of Glossop.

The slaughterhouses, bakehouses etc. were duly inspected and 7 cwts. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. of various foods were condemned by the Sanitary Inspector.

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SECTION F - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

The District is fortunate in having this year a low incidence of infectious diseases. There were only 3 cases of diphtheria, these occurring in persons who had not been immunised. There were 10 cases of Scarlet Fever. There were very few cases of Measles and Whooping Cough.

IMMUNISATION.

Considerable progress was made in immunisation during the year, fairly large numbers of children being innoculated at the High Lee Hall Clinic, First Aid Post and by Doctors privately at their surgeries.

Of children under five years of age, 163 were immunised and of those between 5 and 15 years, 257 were immunised.

On December 31st, 1942, it was estimated that 44.7% of the children under 5 years of age; and 77.75% of the children between 5 and 15 years had been immunised. The figures of the second group (5 - 15 years) are satisfactory but in the first group (under 5 years) these figures, though showing considerable improvement, are not high enough and greater efforts are indicated to induce parents of these children to have their children immunised.

SCABIES AND PEDICULOSIS.

It is unfortunate that arrangements cannot be made for treatment of these cases either at the First Aid Post or at the Institution, Lowleighton. Pediculosis of the scalp is apparently more common than scabies in this district and appears to be especially apt to occur after leaving school, when the inspections by the school medical services no longer focus the attention of parents on the cleanliness of daughters, who do not themselves take sufficient interest and care in these matters.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1942.

<u>Disease:</u>	<u>No. of cases notified:</u>	<u>Removed to Hospital:</u>	<u>Total Deaths:</u>
Scarlet Fever.	10	6	3
Diphtheria	3	3	
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1		
Pneumonia.	3		
Measles.	7		
Whooping Cough	5		

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES
DURING 1942.

	<u>Under one Year:</u>	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	<u>Total:</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	1		1	1		4	3						10
Diphtheria.....				1		1		1					3
Puerperal Pyrexia..									1				1
Pneumonia.....											3		3
Measles.....			1	1	1	3			1				7
Whooping Cough.....					2	3							5
Erysipelas.....												1	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1942.

AGE PERIODS:	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5				1				
15								
25	1	2	2			1	1	
35	1		2		1			
45	1							
55					2			
65 and over		1						
Totals.....	3	3	4	1	3	1	1	

There were two non-notified Tuberculosis deaths.

The death rate from Phthisis Pulmonalis was 0.5.

A comparison of the vital statistics with those of England and Wales is as follows:-

	<u>Birth Rate:</u>	<u>General Death Rate:</u>	<u>Infantile Death Rate:</u>
England and Wales.....	15.8	11.6	49
New Mills.....	16.8	15.7	74

Your obedient Servant,

R. J. Williams

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

New Mills Sanitary District, 1942.

Name of Inspector - JOHN A. THOMPSON.

Area of District. 5,204 acres.

Estimated number of Houses. 2,603.

New Houses erected 1942:-

(a) by Local Authority. 0.

(b) by Private enterprise 0.

	Number of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.	Number of Notices served		Number of Nuisances abated with or without Notice.
		Informal	Legal	
<u>CLOSETS AND ASHPITS.</u>				
Defective Water Closets.....	20	6		20
Provision of additional Water Closets.....	2			1
Provision of Portable Ashbins....		32		97
<u>DRAINAGE.</u>				
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps,) Inlets and Drains.....)	122	6		122
Drains Obstructed.....)				
<u>OTHER DEFECTS.</u>				
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts and Down- Spouts.....	1			1
Water Supply.....	24			20
Nuisances not specified above....	27	3		27
Totals.....	196	47		288

	Number on Register.	Inspections made.	Notices served.	Nuisances abated with or without Notices.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.....	85	22	-	-
Bakehouses.....	13	4	-	-
Slaughterhouses.....	7	-	-	-
Offensive Trades.....	2	2	-	-
Common Lodging-houses...	1	2	-	-
Totals.....	108	30	-	-

JOHN A. THOMPSON.

